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Application Number	10/564,886
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Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD FOR INDUCING HEPATITIS C VIRUS (HCV) REPLICATION IN VITRO, CELLS AND CELL LINES ENABLING ROBUST HCV REPLICATION AND KIT THEREFOR

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached? YES	Certified Copy Attached? NO
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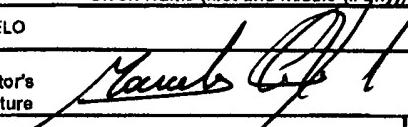
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